Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research **CEQA Submit**

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2003011008

Project Title: Lot 44 and Lot 45 Development Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-077-06 (ITP))

Project Location (Inyo County): The Lot 44 and Lot 45 Development Project (Project) is located at the Southern California Logistic Center (formerly George Airforce Base) within the City of Victorville, San Bernardino County. The Project is located approximately 1.8 miles east of Highway 395, 11.1 miles north of Highway 18, and 14.8 miles west of Interstate 15 at approximately 34.600782, -117.389499.

Project Description: This proposed project involves construction of a large commerce center, complete with industrial and retail buildings as well as landscaping and hardscaping, including parking lots and associated infrastructure on two parcels that total 158.98 acres. Project activities include grubbing and grading of the entire Project site, trench digging, pile driving, road construction, tree removal, and other activities.

The Project will result in impacts to 24.45 acres of western Joshua tree (Yucca Brevifolia) habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of western Joshua tree, which is designated as a candidate threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 24, 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
- CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
- Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- 4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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